

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
November 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on October 25, 2019, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board, and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Vice-Mayor Torres led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Vice-Mayor Torres, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Schock. and Councilwoman Rhodes.

Council Absent: Mayor King

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Chief Financial Officer Tom Josiah, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Chief Marcus Whitney.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Turkey Drive to take place November 26th at 5:30pm at the Dover Boys and Girls Club on New Burton Road.

Town Hall will be closed on November 28th & 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Caroling in Camden will be Friday, December 6th from 6:30-8pm at Town Hall.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Rhodes, to approve the October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Josiah provided his reports for the last two quarters. He explained that the revenue for permits have exceeded the budgeted amount because of more permits being issued then planned. He reminded council that the budget that is prepared is very planned and calculated and they try to make it as accurate as possible.

Mr. Josiah explained that the additional interest from the new bank accounts has helped wash the expense of the public safety.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he is glad that Barclay Farms residents are apart of the audience tonight so they can hear that the budget is very tight.

Mr. Josiah added that with growth comes more responsibility. He urged Mayor, Council, and staff to continue to stick to the budget.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Tom Rigsby gave his monthly report. He added that is election time for the fire department and there could be some changes in the near future. He explained that St. Francis has contracted with the City of Dover for EMS calls which has resulted in the Camden Wyoming EMS not having to leave their district as much.

Mr. Rigsby explained that he is very thankful for all the great volunteers that are apart of the Camden Wyoming Fire Department. He also thanked the 12 paid employees that help keep the ambulances running successfully.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Vice-Commander Todd Fairhurst explained that the Post will be working on making Christmas cards for the veterans on November 8th and 15th if anyone would like to join, they are more then welcome. He added that they will be laying flags at the Odd Fellows Cemetery for Veteran's Day. He detailed that the VFW Post will be hosting dinners on November 8th, 15th, and 22nd of November.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added that they are actively working on a gun and drug seizure case.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the September RETT was \$18,056.19. He added that the clock had been delivered and is due to be installed on November 12th with the unveiling ceremony being December 9th at noon.

Vice-Mayor Torres stated that she has had complaints about an address on Old Camden Road regarding to code enforcement and would like an update.

Ms. Fenske explained that Mr. Scott has addressed the condition of the property with the property owners and it has been remedied a lot, but she would need to speak to Mr. Scott to get a current report.

Councilwoman Rhodes stated that she has received several complaints about the flooding, trash, and a sidewalk in need of replacement in Tidbury Crossing.

Ms. Fenske explained that Mr. Scott has reached out to someone before and had the bags cleaned in the storm drains which helped with the road flooding and she can ask him to do it again.

MAYOR

Vice-Mayor Torres explained that she met with DelDot today and she requested that they reach out to the police and the fire department about the planned bypass. She stated that they will be having another public workshop around March 2020 and that the planned third lane is due to start in 2022. She asked Mr. Chaffinch to keep Mayor and Council informed as to when there are meetings with DelDot.

NEW BUSINESS

Muriel Court – Storm Drain replacement

Mr. Chaffinch explained that 3 bids have been collected for the storm drain repair and replacement at Muriel Court; River Rock Contracting - \$46,617, OnSite Construction, Inc. - \$77,070, and Mitten Construction - \$71,044. Mr. Chaffinch stated that he believes that Representative Yearick and Senator Paradee will be able to fund the project fully. He added that due to the legislators help the work may not be done until spring of 2020.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Schock, to approve River Rock Contracting for the amount of \$46,617 to do the storm drain replacement and repair on Muriel Court. Roll call;

Vice – Mayor Torres – yes

Councilman Schock – yes
Councilman Dougherty – yes
Councilwoman Rhodes – yes
Motion carries.

Realtor business license for 2020

Ms. Fenske explained that HB235 was passed effective July 1, 2020 that realtors no longer need to pull individual business licenses for each town that they do work in. She explained that currently there is a \$25 fee to each realtor that does work in the Town of Camden. She stated that the town does not prorate license fees if someone were to come in later in the year to get a license.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he does not feel that a proration should take place for the realtors since no one else is subject to a prorated amount if they do not do work for the entire year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryann Faust – 267 Paynters Way, questioned who trains the crossing guards for the Caesar Rodney School District.

Chief Whitney explained that the school district trains their own crossing guards.

Mrs. Faust stated that there have been two parking lot lights installed at the apartments on Caesar Rodney Ave and that one of them shines directly on Caesar Rodney Ave and it makes it hard to see.

Chief Whitney replied that he will get a contact from Ms. Fenske and will reach out to them to get them to redirect the light.

Pat Kelly - 62 Nanticoke Dr, thanked the Camden Wyoming Fire Department for going to the daycare in his development. He added that the kids really enjoyed the fire trucks and volunteers that were present.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider strategy with respect to pending and/or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:07pm by Councilman Schock, seconded Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*